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May 25, 2025



Sixth Sunday of Easter

By: Reverend Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.

Year C

A teacher was talking to her third-grade class about whales. And the teacher made a statement that a whale's throat is very small. One girl in the class said, "well, it says in the Bible that a whale swallowed Jonah." The teacher said, "That was impossible because their throats do not open wide enough for that. "Well, when I get to heaven, I'm going to ask Jonah", the young girl replied. Then the teacher said, "What if your Jonah is not in heaven." "Well, then you ask him" was the reply.

We are a couple of Sundays away from the feast of Pentecost. We will be reflecting on the works of the Holy Spirit in and among the early Christians. The early disciples struggled with the issue of welcoming non-Jewish converts to the faith. The Apostles deliberated on what was needed to be a disciple of Christ. They relied on the Holy Spirit for direction and guidance signifying they are Pentecostal people. In times of need, we are asked to listen to God speaking through the Church or the Holy Spirit within us. Listening to one another leads to a clearer understanding of where God is leading us. The First Reading gives us the outcome of what has been called the First Synod of the Church. It was held in Jerusalem. The Apostles listened to the Holy Spirit and to each other, and then decided that circumcision is not necessary in the family of God's people. They give us a great model to follow.

The Second Reading from the Book of the Revelation tells us that the Church founded by Christ is like a new Jerusalem holy and massive. It is filled with the splendor of God. It has no need for sun or moon because the glory of God will shine on it. This is awesome! We hope for a world that is filled with the love of God. Jesus made love the totality of his life and teaching. The Gospel describes the Holy Spirit as the Advocate. It is the Spirit of Love coming to us from the Father and the Son. The Church invites us to prepare for the celebration of the outpouring of this Spirit on us. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. **Peace to you!**



You are cordially invited to attend the Ordination of

the Reverend Mr. Levi K. James
the son of David & Ann James

Most of St. Mary Parish in Mt. Carmel to the Order of the Sacred Priesthood by
The Reverend Mark S. Rivituso, Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis and Titular Bishop of Turuzi
through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit on Saturday, June 7, 2025
at 10:00 o'clock in the morning in the Cathedral of St. Peter, 200 West Harrison Street,
Belleville, Illinois. *Reception following in the McCormick Center*



Deacon Levi James
Theology IV
St. Mary, Mt. Carmel



Please take a moment and say a prayer of thanks to the wonderful staff at **Dee Printing**. They print our bulletins each week for free. They also prepared the two beautiful keepsake inserts and Holy cards for Pope Francis' death and Pope Leo XIV inauguration as our new Pope. Their kindness is a very valuable gift to our parish.



Catholic
Communication
Campaign
CONNECT WITH CHRIST

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
(+ Deceased)

Sunday, May 25, Sixth Sunday of Easter
(Fr. Eva@ SH & HF)



7:30 a.m. Confession is available
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart–Leveling/McClanahan
family members, living and deceased

9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church–Michael and
Bernice Whited and Family

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family–Robert Weber+

Monday, May 26, St. Phillip Neri, Priest No Mass
Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 27, St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart (Fr. Andy)–Betty Booth+

Wednesday, May 28, in the Sixth week of Easter
8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Andy)–Frank and Dorothy
Matejka+

Thursday, May 29, St. Paul VI, Pope
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart (Fr. Eva)–Herman & Ruth
Berg+

Friday, May 30, in the Sixth week of Easter
8 a.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Andy)–Carlos Zavala, Jr.+

Saturday, May 31, Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord
5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Andy)–

Sunday, June 1, the Ascension of the Lord
(Fr. @ SH & HF)



7:30 a.m. Confession is available
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart–Trude
Anderson+



9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church–Valentine and
Evelyn Klunk+

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family–In thanksgiving of Josh Wade



DuKare

As we leave the Easter season, please remember there are many in our community that still need your help. All your donations are greatly appreciated; **Ramen noodles and jelly** is desperately needed at this time. Direct questions to Geri Basinski, Rose Jordan, I.D. Cleveland, Christopher Cronin or Linda Martin. The DuKare team wishes to thank everyone for their generous donations that help feed those in need in our Community!



Parish SUPPORT

Please prayerfully consider your own
stewardship and pray for the financial well
being of Sacred Heart Parish

May 18, 2025

General Collections

Envelopes (12)	\$ 515.00
Candles	\$ 0.00

Total General Collections \$ 515.00

Special Collections

Seminary Education Collections (4)	\$ 220.00
CSMA ()	0.00

Total Special Collections \$ 220.00

Total Deposit \$ 735.00

Maintenance Fund () \$ 0.00

Mass Intentions () \$ 0.00

Messenger Subscription Renewal () \$ 0.00

Society of St. Vincent dePaul (1) \$ 25.00

Thank you for your generous support of our church.

On-Line giving available. You have the ability to safely and securely donate to Sacred Heart at: <https://sacredheartdupo.org/donate>.



The Ascension of the Lord

June 1, 2025



Sacristan:

Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf

Lector

Christopher Cronin

Host

Patti Urke

Eucharistic Minister-Choir:

Geri Basinski



Women's Club Quilt Raffle

Sunday, July 13, 2025

The Quilters have been hard at work and they have another quilt ready! The next raffle will be Sunday, July 13, 2025 after 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center during Coffee and Donut Fellowship. Your Quilt raffle tickets are on the table in the back of church, please pick them up to defray the cost of mailing them. Extra tickets are available, if you need more please check the ticket box or see me. **Carol McClanahan, Quilt Chair**



Alleluia He is Risen

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Paul Adams, Tony Albers, Cassidy Aldridge, David and Sandy Anderson, Lauretta Anzalone, Kim Arnold, Lindsey Arnold, Donita Baldwin, Aubrey Bayard, Benjamin Bassler, Monica Bauer, Lydia Boyer and family, Jolene Carroll, Mildred Casey, Richard Chartrand, I.D. Cleveland, Hannah, Jerry, and Marilyn Dycus, Mary Engleman, Eli Fielder, Loretta Gardner, Marion Gautreaux, Erica and Michael Golightly, Phyllis Gould, Joseph Gourley, Mary Gramm, Bryant Hahn, Christ Hallerman, Susan Heape, Charles Heard, Jerry Hight, Margaret Hoffmann, John Jacobs, Linda Johnson, Earnest Jordan, Norma Karstetter, Richard Kelling, Maryann Klosterman, Hailey Kofron, Candice LaCroix, Constance LaCroix, William LaCroix, Randy Ladyman, Alice LaMastus, Steve Lawlor, Barbara Mallory, Dennis Martin, Michele Martin, Duane McClanahan, Geraldine McCoy, Scott McIntosh, Joanna and Ron Mentel, Nancy Merkley, Robin Miller, Sr. Emile Morgan, Tammy Murdoch, Kady Myers, Brian Nobbe, Dillan Oberson, Parker, Bill Pennock, Alyssa Rhyne, Kim Ross, David Ryder, Mary Schmid, Paul Schonlau, Richard Singer, Abby Steffen, Kingston Todd, Patty Urke, Joshua Wade, Evermore Grace Wagner, Maryann Wagner, Angela Weber, Dave Werner, James Whipple, Ashlei Wilson and Steve Wilson.

Please remember teenagers and their overwhelming challenges. *If you know of someone that needs to be added or removed from this list, please let Joan Scharf know as soon as possible.*



Six day votive candles are \$3.00

Please remember our Service Men and Women protecting our freedom!

Tressa Tucker, U.S. Air Force

Sister of Jake Weber

Hunter Kelling, U. S. Navy

Son of Holly and Travis Kelling

Joseph F. Gloeckner, U. S. Navy

Son of Michael and Renee Gloeckner



***Mass Intentions are a wonderful way to remember your loved ones, those who have special needs, or any special occasion. The recommended offering is \$10.00. Put your intention and money in the collection basket or send it to Joan at the parish office, P. O. Box 35, Dupo, Illinois 62239.* Available NOW!**

Hospital Visitations-Due to the new privacy laws most hospitals are not notifying the Pastor of parishioners who are in the hospital. If you or a loved one is in the hospital and wish for Father Akabueze to visit, please leave a message for him at (618) 340-6915 with the name, hospital, and room number (if you have it).

Home Visitation and Communion-If anyone would appreciate a visit or Communion brought to their home please call Fr. Akabueze at (618) 340-6915 or leave a message at the parish office (618-286-4373).

Hall Rental-For hall rental information please contact Tim Frederick at (618) 286-4373. You can view the Parish Hall -Policy and print out the Rental Agreement by visiting our website at www.sacredheartchurchdupo.org and clicking on Hall Rental.



♪Happy Birthday to ♪ ♪ You....Happy ♪ birthday ♪ to you...happy♪
birthday ♪ ♪ dear...**May: 31st-Glenn Levin**

June: 3rd-Connie Ladyman 10th-Rose Jordan and Kathy Koebbe

15th-Jacob Weber 22nd-Joe Basinski 25th-Angela Weber

Happy Anniversary to...



May: 30th Duane and Carol McClanahan 62 Years

June: 1st Randy and Connie Ladyman 38 Years

(Ordination) 4th Reverend Andrew J. Knopik 42 Years

6th John and Lindsay Kenner 16 Years

16th Oscar and Geraldine McCoy

29th John and Kathy Koebbe 46 Years

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

At Immaculate Conception in Columbia

Please join them for Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Spend some quiet time with the Lord.



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION ON WEEKNIGHTS IN OUR AREA:

St. Clare, O'Fallon: Tuesday evenings 6 to 7 pm

Cathedral, Belleville: Thursday evenings 6 to 7 pm (weekly exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)



Catholic Service Ministry Appeal 2024 From Bishop McGovern. . . *The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15*

A special thanks to everyone who has so generously supported the 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal – we are most grateful. If you haven't had an opportunity to make a gift as yet, we hope you will prayerfully consider doing so now. Gifts can be made through your parish or by visiting www.diobelle.org and clicking on "Giving". Seventeen (17) ministries and programs and all those they so faithfully serve are counting on YOU. Please make your contribution today!

As of April 30, we have received pledges of \$741,881 from 2,650 households for an average gift of \$280. As of 4/30/2025 9 households gave \$1,450. Our goal for this year is \$4,298. We are only 34% of our goal, and need \$2,848 to meet our goal. ***Please prayerfully consider your stewardship for the organizations that assist those in need throughout the Diocese of Belleville.***

Respect for Life Corner

Jesus prepares the apostles for his return to His Father in heaven. He gives us His peace. Unfortunately, peace has not always been upon us. This weekend, we gratefully and prayerfully remember all those who sacrificed their lives serving our country. This ultimate giving of oneself, as Christ did, is the most selfless act of love we humans perform. That raises the question - are we that giving of our spiritual selves? Today provides an opportunity for us to take a moment to reflect on how well we are fulfilling our vocation in life – ordained, married, consecrated, or single. Perhaps a prayer of recommitment is appropriate as we give thanks for those who have sacrificed so much for us.

Vocation Corner

"Growing up in Nigeria, I was raised Catholic and served as an altar boy. Naturally, I felt drawn to the priesthood due to my closeness to the altar and my admiration for our parish priests. After attending minor seminary for high school, I entered college seminary but left after my first year to pursue another career. I came to the United States, intent on marrying and raising a family. But my soul was restless, and God had another plan. Providentially, I was contacted by the vocations director of the Josephites. And when I visited their seminary, I felt a peace and joy I had not known in many years. I returned to seminary, and one day on retreat, something happened that solidified my calling to the priesthood. As I prayed in the chapel, what appeared to be the image of Jesus in the monstrance was shown to me. I was terrified and in awe. It remains an indescribable experience, but it confirmed me in my vocation. I am so grateful for the privilege of being a priest." Fr. Kingsley Ogbuji, Society of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart; Washington, D.C. Columbia Magazine Sept. 2024 (From the USCCB website)



2025 A Holy Year of Hope JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Our theme for the Jubilee Year is **Pilgrims of Hope**. This week please pray for **Children**

For more information visit one of these websites:

Diocese of Belleville: www.diobelle.org,

United State Conference of Catholic Bishops

<https://www.usccb.org/jubilee2025>



Seminary Education Collections It is not too late!

Seminary education collections encompass a wide range of materials used in theological education, including rare books, manuscripts, theological texts, and audio-visual materials. These collections are often found in seminary libraries and archives, serving as resources for research, instruction, and scholarship.

Lunch & Card Party
Tuesday, June 3, 2025
St. Luke's Parish Center
226 North Church St., Belleville, IL

Play Cards or a Board Game of your choice & BINGO
Doors Open-10:30am, Lunch Served-Noon, Event Ends-3pm
Delicious Lunch! Have fun & support St. Luke's Parish!

Menu: Caesar Chicken Salad, Croissant, Apple Salad,
Cake, Coffee, hot tea, iced tea & water

Tally: \$10 (includes lunch or lunch carryout)
Cards & BINGO with prizes

Bring canned goods
for the Food Pantry

Sharing God's Love with Our Neighbors in Need
Community Interfaith FOOD PANTRY
Our pantries are open every Tuesday
God's love feeds the community!

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe January 15-20, 2026

Hosted by: Catholic Relief Services in the Diocese of Belleville

Registration deadline is June 30, 2025

Join us for a six day pilgrimage to Mexico to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and to witness the work that Catholic Relief Services does on our behalf. To be put on a list to receive the brochure and registration when available, send an email to: crsdiobelle@gmail.com

Pilgrimage leaders: Fr. Bob Flannery, a retired priest in the Diocese of Belleville and Cheryl Sommer, Diocesan Animator for Catholic Relief Services.

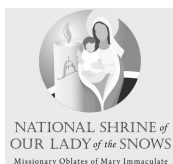
Events around the Parish, within the Diocese and in the community



We are quickly wrapping up the year – thanks to all 7th and 8th graders who visited us this year! We are looking forward to getting preparations underway for our incoming Class of 2029! Private tours can still be scheduled throughout the summer – reach out to me by email, calling the school or through our inquiry form on our website to schedule. The summer will focus on getting our incoming students acquainted with each other. Details will be out soon about a Bowling Night coming in June! If you know someone who might be interested in coming to Gibault, we would love to know who they are! For any questions please feel free to reach out at pkueker@gibaulthawks.com.

The Cemetery Association Employment Opportunity in Belleville

There are multiple positions available for more information or to apply please contact Joseph Hubbard at the Cemetery Association (618)-397-0181 or by email at: cdbcemeteryassoc@gmail.com.



Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows presents....

Memorial and Traditional Planting Starting May 29, 2024

As Pope Francis noted in his book *Laudato si'*, “Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it”. The Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows is a very beautiful oasis in Belleville, IL., hosting not only many devotional sites, but an abundance of trees, flowers, bushes, and plants to honor God’s creations. We love to share our beautiful gardens and nature with thousands of visitors each year and are beginning this program to honor your loved ones or to start a family tradition for your future generations. **For information on pricing, plants and location, please go to <https://snows.org/memorial-and-traditional-planting/> or call 618-397-6700.**

2-part Scripture Series – *The Romanization of Christianity – Continued*

Presenter: Mark Etling, PhD

Saturdays, May 31 and June 7, 2025, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

The earliest Christians were known more for what they did – the work of justice and charity – than what they believed. But as Christianity allied itself more and more to the Roman Empire, its focus shifted away from the work of justice and more toward only the work of charity. By the fifth century CE Christians were known more for what they believed than what they did. In this two-part series we will discuss what Christianity gained – and what it lost – as it became increasingly Romanized.

Cost: \$15 per session / \$30.00 for the series Register by calling: (618) 394-6281 or online at:

<https://snows.org/events/mark-etling-summer/org>.



The Projected Jackpot is \$28,270.00

For more information or to order tickets

Call: (618) 476-3510 or email: principal@stjmillstadt.org

God First Loved Us

September 12, 2025 through May 1, 2026

Weekend Retreats beginning on Friday at 4 p.m. through Sunday at 1 p.m.

The new quiet retreat delves into Pope Francis’ la test encyclical, *Dilexit Nos* (meaning “He loved us”), a beautiful meditation on the human and divine love of Christ. Using the heart as a symbol of the core of the person, this retreat will explore the Holy Father’s description of Sacred Heart devotion, focusing on how we can find healing, comfort, inspiration and community in our contemplation of the love emanating from the heart of Jesus.

Minimum donation is: \$250 per person (includes lodging and meals.)

Guest Day Spring Luncheon Thursday, June 5, 2025 at Noon

Where: Christ United Church of Christ, 200 South Third Street, Dupu, IL 62239

We would like to remind everyone that our Church is completely handicap accessible. There is an elevator at the rear of the church with handicap parking. Please RSVP no later than Monday, June 2nd by calling the church office at (618) 830-6201. Please let us know which church you are from and how many of the ladies will be attending.

Linda Frisch, President, Christ UCC Women’s Guild